

DRAFT Warrant for the Hollis Annual Town Meeting

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF YORK/ss

To Any Resident, in the Town of Hollis in the County of York, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants in said Town of Hollis qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Hollis Community Building, 35 Town Farm Road in said Town of Hollis on Tuesday, the eleventh day of June A.D. 2024 (June 11, 2024) at 6:45 a.m. in the forenoon to act on ARTICLE 1 and by secret ballot on Articles # 2 through # 32 as set out below, the polling hours to be from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the evening.

Article 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To elect the necessary Town Officials:

One (1) Select Board Member/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a three (3) year term.

One (1) Treasurer for a three (3) year term.

One (1) Road Commissioner for a two (2) year term.

Article 3: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$1,540,009 for General Government Operations?

	2024 – 2025	2023 - 2024
0100 Administration	\$ 175,672	\$ 179,750
0101 Broadcasting	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500
0103 Treasurer Office	\$ 65,307	\$ 63,625
0104 Town Clerk Office	\$ 67,957	\$ 67,000
0105 Elections	\$ 47,400	\$ 44,200
0106 Tax Collector Office	\$ 77,252	\$ 74,695
0107 Assessing Office	\$ 93,800	\$ 82,950
0150 Legal Fees	\$ 31,500	\$ 25,000
0400 Operations & Management	\$ 132,820	\$ 164,000
0800 Salmon Falls Library	\$ 39,822	\$ 38,800
1300 Insurance	\$ 409,114	\$ 370,800
1400 Maine PERS/457 Retirement	\$ 77,000	\$ 77,000
1600 FICA (withholding)	\$ 142,170	\$ 124,000
1800 Animal Control	\$ 52,200	\$ 15,650
2298 Veteran's Flags	\$ 900	\$ 900
2500 Code Enforcement Office	\$ 117,595	\$ 97,700
	\$ 1,540,009	\$ 1,435,570

Select Board _____

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 4: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$22,710 for the following Committees and Boards?

	2024 – 2025	2023 - 2024
1275 Comprehensive Plan Comm.	\$ 0	\$ 8,000
2200 Planning Board	\$ 18,300	\$ 16,916
2205 Finance Committee	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,400
2210 Appeals Board	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
2350 Community Clothing Closet	\$ 500	\$ 500
2370 Conservation Commission	<u>\$ 600</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>
	\$ 22,710	\$ 28,916

Select Board ____ Finance Committee Recommends

Article 5: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$449,524 for the Recreation Department and Sports Complex?

	2024 - 2025	2023 - 2024
1200 Recreation Department	\$ 397,374	\$ 326,112
1219 Sports Complex	<u>\$ 52,150</u>	<u>\$ 35,800</u>
	\$ 449,524	\$ 361,912

Select Board ____ Finance Committee Recommends

Article 6: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$1,379,150 for Public Works?

	2024 – 2025	2023 - 2024
500 Snow & Sanding	\$ 668,000	\$ 643,000
600 Highway	\$ 129,000	\$ 170,000
601 Paving	\$ 205,000	\$ 200,000
900 Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 361,150	\$ 296,000
2000 Street Lights	<u>\$ 16,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,000</u>
	\$ 1,379,150	\$ 1,325,000

Select Board ____ Finance Committee Recommends

Article 7: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$1,319,981 for Emergency Services provided by the Hollis Municipal Fire & Rescue Department?

	2024-2025	2023 - 2024
300 Emergency Services	\$ 1,319,981	\$ 1,167,183

Select Board ____ Finance Committee Recommends

Article 8: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$126,690 for General Assistance, the State mandated welfare program?

	2024-2025	2022 – 2023
1000 General Assistance	\$ 126,690	\$ 77,000

Note: State Refunds are now being put in a Revenue Account

Select Board ____ Finance Committee Recommends

Article 9: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$37,775 for the following non-municipal requests?

	2024 - 2025	2023 - 2024
2299 York County Shelters	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2300 Visiting Nurse Service	\$ 750	\$ 1,100
2301 York County Com. Action	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400
2303 Kids Free to Grow	\$ 700	\$ 700
2304 Caring Unlimited	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
2307 So. Maine Agency on Aging	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750
2312 Boy Scouts Troop #323	\$ 1,500	\$ 500
2333 Girl Scouts Troop #323	\$ 0	\$ 500
2314 Red Cross	\$ 400	\$ 400
2315 Buxton-Hollis Historical	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,100
2317 VNA Home Health	\$ 250	\$ 250
2318 Maine Public Broadcasting	\$ 100	\$ 100
2305 Maine Behavior Healthcare	\$ 250	\$ 300
2320 Saco River Corridor Comm.	\$ 600	\$ 600
2329 Life Flight of Maine	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2330 So ME Veteran’s Cemetery Assn	\$ 750	\$ 500
2332 Waban	\$ 200	\$ 200
2335 Friends of Hollis Equestrian Park	\$ 750	\$ 0
2400 Saco River Community TV	\$ 20,775	\$ 18,800
	\$ 37,775	\$ 34,300

Select Board ____ Finance Committee Recommends

Article 10: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board and Tax Collector to:

- 1. Charge Interest on unpaid taxes, determine the rate thereon, set the due date for taxes, and to set the date on which interest shall commence. Tax Collector charging interest at a rate of 8.5% per annum, that taxes be due and payable in two (2) payments. The first due on November 6, 2024 and the second on May 7, 2025 with interest commencing on the first half on November 20, 2024 and the second half on May 21, 2025;**
- 2. Accept prepayment of taxes;**
- 3. Set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on the refunded overpayment of taxes for the 2024-2025 Fiscal year set at 4.5% as recommended by the Tax Collector & Select Board; and**
- 4. Apply all tax payments to the oldest outstanding taxes first?**

Select Board ____

Article 11: A property tax levy limit has been established for the Town by State Law in the amount of \$1,536,107.00. If the municipal appropriations approved by the voters exceed that limit, shall the Town vote to increase the property tax limit?

Select Board ____

Article 12: Shall the Town accept and apply estimated anticipated revenues and reimbursements in the amount of \$ 3,361,800 to the 2024-2025 Tax Commitment?

	2024 - 2025	2023 - 2024
MDOT Block Grant	\$ 58,000	\$ 53,948
Code Enforcement Fees	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Dog Fees	\$ 800	\$ 800
Excise Tax	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 1,050,000
Rescue Fees	\$ 200,000	\$ 130,000
Parks & Recreation Fees	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000
Misc. Rev & Reimbursements	\$ 95,000	\$ 85,000
BETE Reimbursements	\$ 712,500	\$ 675,000
Homestead Reimbursements	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000
Tree Growth Reimbursements	\$ 38,500	\$ 38,500
Veteran’s Exemption Reimbursements	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 500,000	\$ 512,116
General Assistance State Reimbursement	\$ 84,000	\$ 45,000
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
	\$ 3,361,800	\$ 3,188,364

Select Board ____

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 13: Shall the Town raise, appropriate, and expend up to \$35,150 for the non-municipal Hollis Center Public Library?

Select Board ____ Finance Committee Recommends

Article 14: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$20,000 dollars to upgrade and improve the walking path at the Hollis Sports Complex?

Select Board ____ Finance Committee Recommends

Article 15: Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend up to \$50,000 dollars to replace the siding at the Salmon Falls Library?

Select Board ____ Finance Committee Recommends

Article 16: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to spend up to \$7,500,000 dollars to construct a new Hollis Town Hall, with no increase in taxes? (The construction will be financed as follows: \$3,500,000 TIF Funds; \$2,000,000 Federal Funding; \$1,150,000 General Funds; \$450,000 State and Fiscal Recovery Funds; \$400,000 Sale of Town Property Funds)

Select Board ____ Finance Committee ____

Article 17: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to spend from the TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) Account # 2025, as they deem advisable, to fund and meet unanticipated expenses and/or emergencies that are clearly authorized in the TIF agreement?

Select Board ____

Article 18: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to annually spend up to \$200,000 from Undesignated Funds, as they deem necessary to fund and meet unanticipated expenses and/or emergencies that may occur, with the unanimous vote of the Select Board and approval of the Finance Committee for each occurrence?

Select Board ____

Article 19: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account?

Select Board ____

Article 20: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to sell town property (real estate) and place the money in a non-lapsing reserve account to spend on a New Town Hall or other town improvements?

Select Board ____

Article 21: Shall the Town accept the State Snowmobile Registration Funds and disburse them to the Hollis Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining Hollis’s Snowmobile Trails?

Select Board ____

Article 22: Shall the Town amend the “Town of Hollis Disposal of Tax Acquired Property Ordinance” as written and required by State Statute?

Select Board ____

Finance Committee ____

Article 23: Shall the Town adopt the “General Fund Balance Ordinance – Town of Hollis, Maine” as recommended by the Town’s auditor?

Select Board ____

Finance Committee ____

Article 24: Shall the Town repeal the “Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance”?

Select Board ____

Planning Board Recommends

Article 25: Shall the Town repeal the “Town of Hollis Zoning Ordinance” enacted in November 1973 and adopt the amended “Town of Hollis Zoning Ordinance” as written?

Select Board ____

Planning Board ____

Article 26: Shall the “Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Hollis, Maine” enacted on June 14, 1997 be repealed and replaced with the updated version of the “Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Hollis, Maine” and Floodplain Maps both to be enacted by the State on July 17, 2024?

Select Board ____

Planning Board Recommends

Article 27: Shall the Town amend the “Disposal of Town Property (Not Real Estate) Ordinance” as written?

Select Board ____

Article 28: Shall the Town adopt the ordinance titled, “Ordinance to Establish a Five-Member Select Board/Town Manager Form of Government”?

Select Board ____

Article 29: Shall the Town adopt the ordinance titled “All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Ordinance – Town of Hollis, Maine” that allows all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to operate on a section of Deerwander Road, as defined: “1.17 miles From the Railroad Bed to the Large Pole Line”?

Select Board ____

Article 30: Shall the Town adopt the ordinance titled “All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Ordinance – Town of Hollis, Maine” that allows all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to operate on a section of Saco Road, as defined: “1.25 miles From Tyler’s Turn to the Saco Road Pole Line”?

Select Board ____

Article 31: Shall the Town pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. Section 3025 vote to accept the dedication made by the Logan’s Run Homeowners Association of an easement interest in a strip of land bounded and describes as follows: Logan’s Run Drive, and to accept and establish a Town way on said strip of land?

Select Board ____

Road Commissioner ____

Article 32: Shall the Town pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. Section 3025 vote to accept the dedication made by the Wild Acres Drive Homeowners Association of an easement interest in a strip of land bounded and described as follows: Wild Acres Drive, and to accept and establish a Town way on said strip of land?

Select Board ____

Road Commissioner ____

Given under our hands this ____ day of April, A.D. 2024

Hollis Select Board:

Mary Hoffman, Chair

John Rogala, Member

Roger Hicks, Member

Martha E. Huff, Hollis Town Clerk

Received by Town Clerk: _____

Registrar of Voters Notice:

The Registrar of Voters office will be open to register voters prior to the election. The Registrar of Voters will be available at the polls to correct any errors, correct a name or address on the voting list and to accept registrations of eligible persons and accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered to vote may not vote in any election.

A voter who is not enrolled in a political party may not vote in a primary election.

Return on Warrant

Hollis Annual Town Meeting being held on June 11, 2024

Town of Hollis, York County, State of Maine

Date: _____, 2024

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes of therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Hollis Town Hall, Station House Store, and the Hollis Town Clerk's Office in said town, being in public and conspicuous places in town, on the ____ day of _____, 2024 A.D., being at least seven days before the Annual Town Meeting on June 11, 2024.

Signed: _____

A True Attested Copy: _____

Hollis Town Clerk